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Art Unit 1797

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/849,293; Filed: May 20, 2004
For: **Platform for Analysis of Liquid Samples**
Inventors: LaCOURSE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2254.0020002/KWM/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$555.00 to cover three (3) month extension fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22); and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

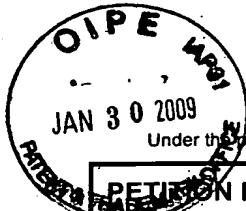
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)
FY 2009 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		2254.0020002/KWM/JKM
Application Number	10/849,293	Filed May 20, 2004
For Platform for Analysis of Liquid Samples		
Art Unit	1797	Examiner Ramdhanie, Bobby

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

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